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1st Grade
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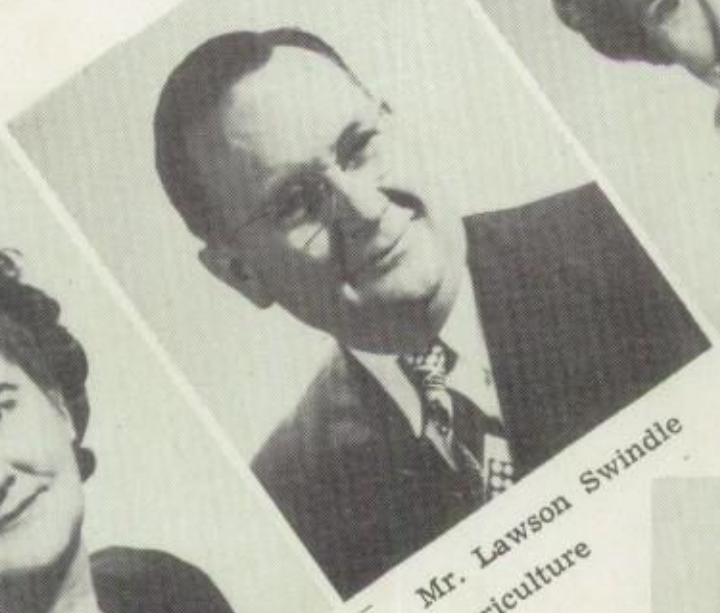

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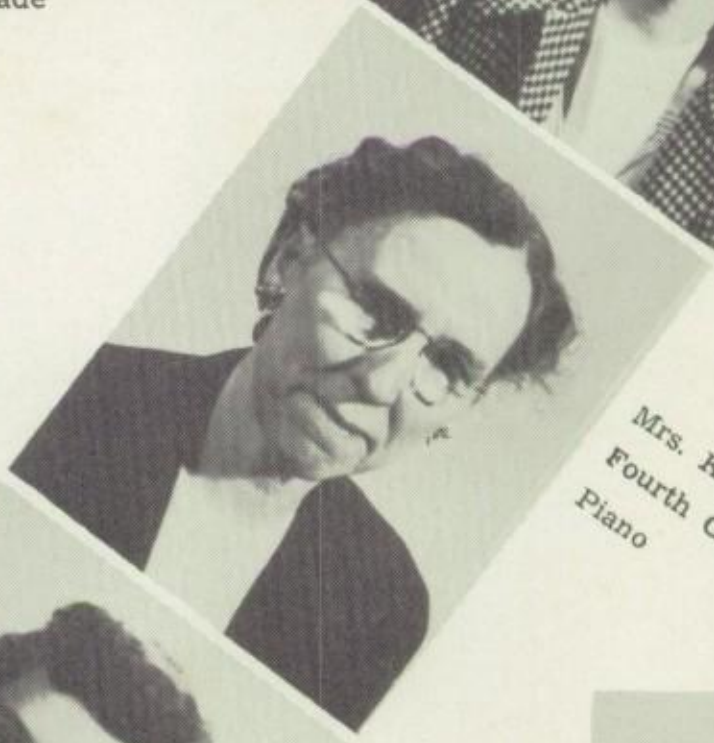

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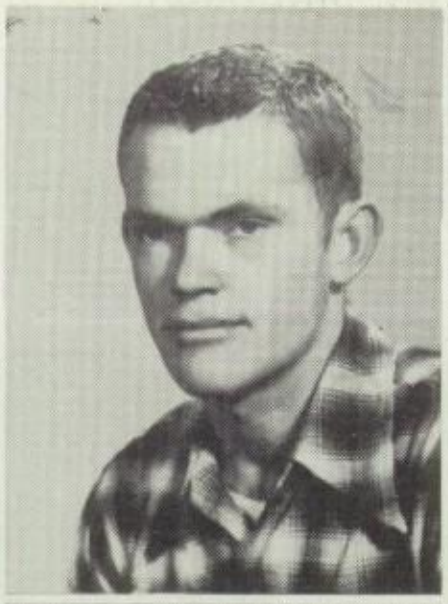

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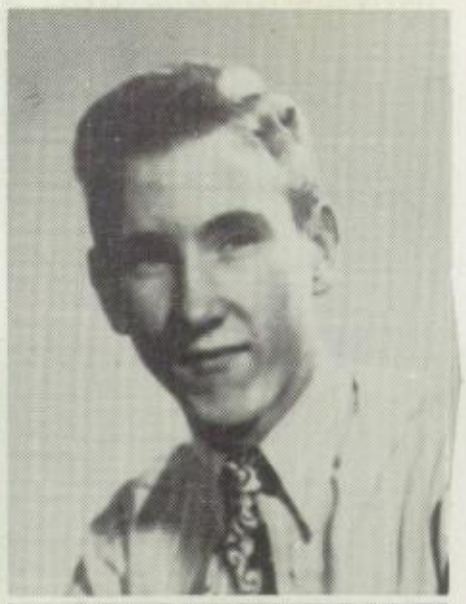

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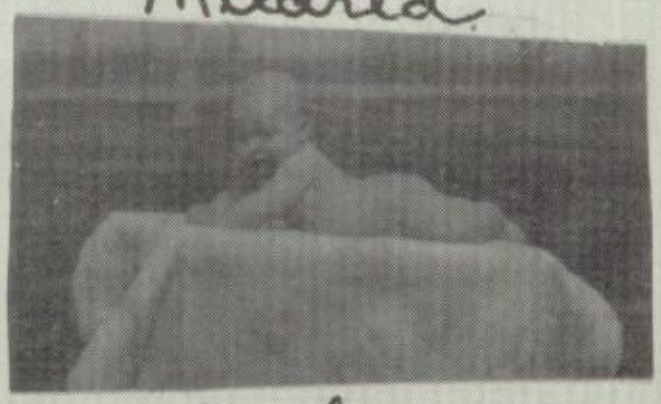

Jackie

Bill O.

Sue

Melba Jean

Joan

Sally

David

Bilva

Peggy

Earlene

Geraldine

Mary

What's left of the First Grade Class 12 years ago! Tommy Landis, Bill Outland, Kenneth King, Joan McCord, Carolyn Futrell, Peggy Yancey, Lura May King.

Chemistry Class

Student Librarians

Shorthand Class

Bookkeeping Class

The Staff

JUNIOR CLASS

Maxine Wyatt
Amanda Nichols
Owen H. Clopton

Bonnie Outland
Charlotte Green
Joan Trantham

Maggie Elsass
Lillian Holifield
Jan Roofe

Mary Deniston
Ramona Newton
Phylis Blair

Jocleta Dalton
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Dollie Ann Shockley

Shirley Livesay
Betty Little
Georgia Watson

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Wanda Foster
Gilbert Taylor

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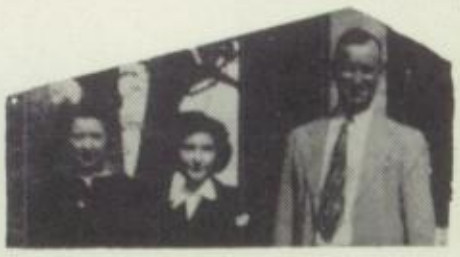

Mrs. Klugh Cowan

Sally Ann Ennis

Mary Deniston

Shirley and Jettye Winstead

Ella McLeskey

Mary Casner

Jocleta Dalton

Joan Trantham

Lura May King

Kay Mays

BOY'S TEAM

SUBS:
Lovelady, Outland, Sinko,
French, Williams, Gatewood.

1st TEAM:
Denny, Forward
Taylor, G., Forward
Clopton, Center
Taylor, L., Guard
Derdon, Guard

CHEERLEADERS

Gardner, Rust
McCluney, Barker

GIRL'S TEAM

SUBS:
Calvin, Yancey, P, Gardner,
Rust, Mode, Griffith, Ward,
Newton, Huggins, Jackson, Blair,
Barker, S.

1st TEAM:
Johnson, Forward
Futrell, Forward
McCluney, Forward
Yancey, Guard
Barker, Guard
Eaton, Guard

Barker, Derden, Outland

Bishop

Derden

Clopton

Practice Time

King

Turkey Game

Homecoming game

Warming up

Getting the low-down

McKeel, Paine

Oútland, Derden, and ???

Hard at work

Capt. Outland and Co-Capt. King

Coach McKeel

Football Cheer Leaders

Football Queen and Maids

FOOTBALL SQUAD

FOOTBALL SQUAD

Tackles

Lindel Taylor
Gilbert Taylor

Centers

Ted Wimberly
John Barker

Ends

O. H. Clopton
Donald Collier
Don Denny

Guards

Kenneth King
Bill Smith
Kenneth Melrose
Bill Williams

Backs

Bill Outland
Jerry Derden
Henry Williams
Doyle Bishop
Marvin Joiner
Mack Walker
Clarence Puckett

BOOK WORMS

TOMMY LANDIS

GLENNA SIGSBY

MOST HANDSOME BOY

PRETTIEST GIRL

BILL OUTLAND

LURA MAY KING

Who's

MR. AND MISS RECTOR HIGH

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BEST SPORTS

FRIENDLIEST

NEATEST

MOST ATHLETIC

BILL WILLIAMS

CAROLYN FUTRELL

JOAN McCORD

KENNETH MELROSE

LINDEL TAYLOR

MOST SOPHISTICATED

SALLY ENNIS

KENNETH KING

MOST MISCHIEVOUS CAROLYN FUTRELL

SWEETEST

GEORGE BARKER

LURA MAY KING

DON DENNY

CUTEST

JEAN OGLES

MOST COURTEOUS

LURA MAY KING

CAROLYN FUTRELL

LINDEL TAYLOR

Who

MOST CONCEITED

SALLY ENNIS

KENNETH MELROSE

LAZIEST

DORIS CARTER

TOMMY

BEST DRESSED

TEACHERS PET

MOST POPULAR

BIGGEST FLIRTS

JOHN SPEER

RUTH McCLUNEY

BEST ALL-AROUND

CAROLYN FUTREL

BILL OUTLAND

BIGGEST FEET

O. H. CLOPTON

VERNELIA McCRADY

MOST HELPFUL

RUTH DENISTON

BILL WILLIAMS

MOST STUDIOUS

JOAN McCORD

LINDEL TAYLOR

PRETTIEST HAIR

JERRY DERDEN

LURA MAY KING

KENNETH MELROSE

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ANNA LOU THOMAS

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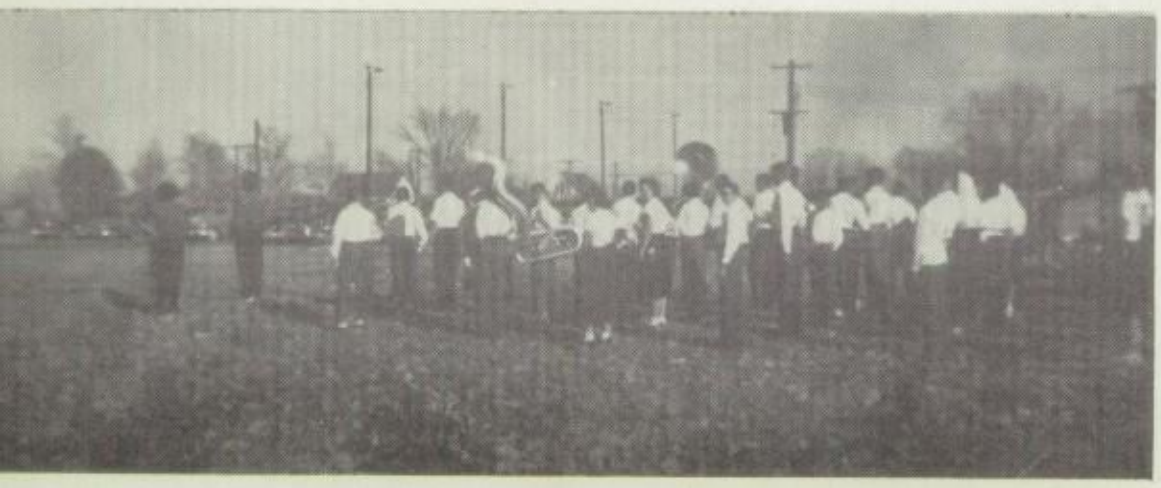
"THE NIFTY SHOP"

BAND SNAPSHOTS



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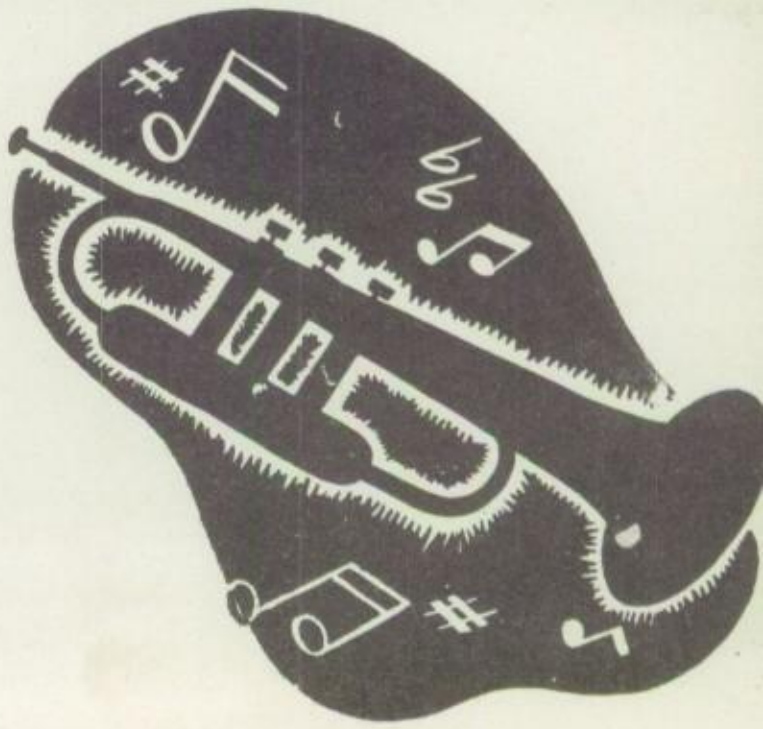
MR. ROBERT HORNYAK

FIRST APPEARANCE AT CORNING GAME

THANKSGIVING GAME



F.F.A. CHAPTER

H. M. Julian
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Miss Iae Ruth Deaver
Secretary
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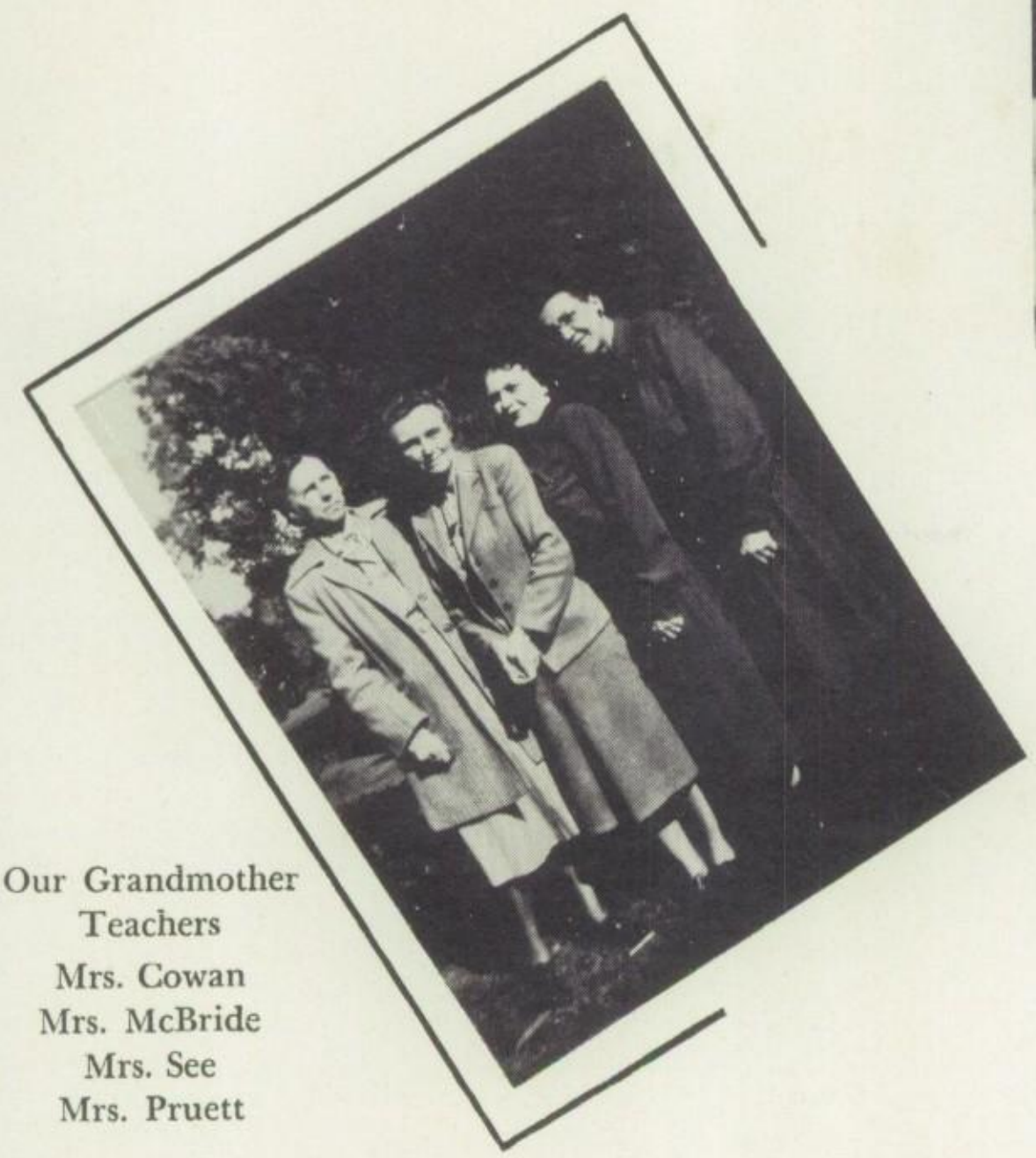
Woody Goforth

Bobby Owen Pruett

Ann Cowan



Our Grandmother
Teachers
Mrs. Cowan
Mrs. McBride
Mrs. See
Mrs. Pruett

Mr. Robert Ward has served as custodian faithfully and with dignity for the past fifteen years. The young man in his arms is grandson, Bobby Owen Pruett.

Grammar School Building
with children at play.

F.H.A. Club

Elma Cluck
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Sally Long
2nd Vice President
Margaret Green
3rd Vice President
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Secretary
Donna Calvin
Treasurer
Glenna Sigsby
Historian
Belga Nelson
Reporter
Joan Twitty and
Donna McCluney
Song Leaders

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F.H.A. CLUB

WHERE'S THE TEACHER

HOMECOMING TEA

PREPARING A SIMPLE BREAKFAST

MAKING A SIMPLE GARMENT

HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS

Miss Elma Cluck

PERSONNEL

SYVEDA BARKER: "Veda"

Four years here; Jr. Play '47-8, Speech Play '48-9, Basketball two years, Librarian two years, Cheerleader '48-9, Dramatic Club '48-9.

GERALDINE BARKER: "Gerry"

Four years here; Four years Basketball, Librarian two years, Jr. Play '47-8, Sr. Class Reporter, Reporter on Blackcat, Member of All County Basketball Team '47-8, '48-9.

RUTH DENISTON: "Ruthie"

Eleven years here; Librarian two years, Honorary Member of F.H.A. '48-9, Glee Club '48-9, Most helpful girl '48-9, Jr. Play '47-8, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP" '48-9, Dramatic Club '48-9.

GERALDINE EATON: "Gerry"

Six years here; F.H.A. '48-9.

EARLINE EATON: "Essie"

Six years here; Basketball three years, Quartet '47-8.

SALLY ANN ENNIS: "Dick"

Two years here; Jr. Play '47-8, Speech Play '47-8, Football Maid '47-8, Teacher's Pet '47-8, Vice President of F.H.A. '48-9, Most Sophisticated Girl '48-9, Most Conceited Girl '48-9, Drum Majorette '48-9, Glee Club '48-9, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP" '48-9, Piano, In High School Register.

CAROLYN FUTRELL: "Little Doc."

Ten years here; Jr. Play, Jr. Class Reporter, Cheerleader '47-8, Speech Play '48-9, Reporter of Dramatic Club '48-9, Art Editor on Blackcat Staff '48-9, Cats Paw Staff '48-9, Football Maid of Honor '48-9, Four years basketball, Co-Captain of Jr. Team '45-6, Co-Captain of Sr. team '47-8, Member of All County Basketball Team '48-9, Piano, Danvis's Girl '45-6, '46-7, '47-8, 48-9.

INEZ GARDNER: "Tootsie"

Six years here; Librarian '47-8, Basketball three years, Dramatic Club '48-9, Speech Play '48-9, Cheerleader '48-9, F.H.A. '48-9.

MILDRED GORDON: "Millie"

Five years here; Librarian two years, Band '48-9, F.H.A. '48-9.

SUE CAROL LONG: "Susie"

One year here; President F.H.A. '48-9, Vice Pres. of Clay-Green-Randolph F.H.A. Federation.

MELBA JEAN GRIFFITH:

Four years here; Librarian two years, Basketball two years, Dramatic Club '48-9, Speech Play '48-9.

ROSA LEE HARDEN:

Five years here; Home Economics one year.

LOUISE JACKSON: "Rumba"

Nine years here; Glee Club '48-9, Dramatic Club '48-9, Basketball '48-9, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP" '48-9.

BETTY LOU JOHNSON: "Liz"

Two years here; Jr. Play '47-8, Dramatics Club '48-9, Speech Play '48-9, Basketball two years, Member of All County Basketball Team '48-9.

LURA MAY KING: "Toughy"

Eleven years here; Jr. Play '47-8, Maid of Honor '46-7, Four years basketball, Representative to Arkansas Girl's State '47-8, Blackcat Staff '48-9, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP", '48-9, Prettiest Girl '47-8, Prettiest Hair '48-9, Sweetest Girl '48-9, Most Courteous Girl '48-9. In High School Register.

VERA MAE MORRIS: "Vicky"

Four years here; Glee Club '48-9.

MARY McCLUNEY: "Marilly"

Eleven years here; Librarian one year, Jr. Play '47-8, Speech Play '48-9, Secretary of Dramatics Club '48-9, Piano, Cheerleader '47-8, '48-9, Captain '48-9, Glee Club '48-9, Band '48-9, Sports Editor on Blackcat Staff '48-9, Cats Paw Staff '48-9, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP" '48-9, Four years basketball, Co-Captain of Jr. team '45-6, Co-Captain of Sr. Team '47-8, Captain of Sr. Team '48-9, Member of All County Team '47-8, '48-9, Captain '48-9, Representative to Arkansas Girl's State '47-8, Mathematics Award '47-8, In High School Register.

BELVA LA FAYE NELSON: "Lafayette"

Nine years here; Reporter of Sophomore Class, F.H.A. '48-9, Reporter of F.H.A., Basketball two years, Quartet '47-8.

PERSONNEL

JOYCE YANCEY ROBINSON: "Josie"

Eleven years here; Basketball two year, Glee Club '48-9, F.H.A. '48-9, Operetta "THE NIFTY SHOP" '48-9.

JOAN McCORD: "Jo"

Twelve years here; Librarian two years, Most Sophisticated Girl '45-6, Neatest Girl '45-6, Science Award '46-7, Secretary of Junior Class, Representative of Arkansas Girl's State '47-8, Secretary of F.H.A. '48-9, Assistant Editor of Blackcat Staff '48-9, Cats Paw Staff '48-9, Most Studious Girl '48-9, Neatest Girl '48-9, In High School Register.

LOUISE WEBB: "Carrot"

Four years here; Glee Club '48-9, Operetta, "THE NIFTY SHOP", '48-9, F.H.A. '48-9.

NELL WHITAKER: "Nellie Bell"

Six years here; Librarian one year, Quartet '47-8, Home Economics one year.

JETTIE WINSTEAD:

Two and half years here; Jr. Play '47-8, Librarian '48-9, History Award '47-8, Music.

PEGGY YANCEY: "Peg"

Eleven years here; Basketball three years, Cheerleader '48-9, Assistant Librarian one year, Glee Club '48-9, Operetta, "THE NIFTY SHOP", '48-9.

LOUISE WALTER: "Lou"

Three years here; Librarian one year, Dramtic Club '48-9.

JOHN BARKER: "Johnny"

Three years here; President of Sophomore Class, F.F.A. two years, Junior Play '47-8, Blackcat Staff '48-9, Cats Paw Staff '48-9, Football '48-9, Band '48-9, President of Senior Class, President of Dramatic Club '48-9.

DAVID CLOPTON:

Eleven years here; Librarian two years, Dramatic Club '48-9, Speech Play '48-9, Band '48-9.

DONALD COLLIER: "Buke"

Eleven years here; Football '48-9, Speech Play '48-9, Dramatic Club '48-9, Sergeant of Arms of Dramatic Club '48-9.

GEORGE FRENCH:

Four and half years here; Basketball two years.

KENNETH KING: "Peewee"

Eleven years here; President of Freshman Class, F.F.A. three years, Reporter of F.F.A. '48-9, Football three years, Co-Captain '48-9, Junior Play '47-8, Blackcat Staff '48-9, Cats Paw Staff '48-9, Secretary-Treasurer of Senior Class.

KENNETH MELROSE: "Moe"

Six years here; Football three years, Co-Captain '48-9, Basketball two years, Softball two years, Jr. Play '47-8, Best Dressed Boy '48-9, Neatest Boy '48-9, Teacher's Pet '48-9, Prettiest Hair '48-9, Most Conceited '48-9, Member of International Kiwanis Club.

BILL OUTLAND: "Joe"

Eleven years here; F.F.A. four years, President of F.F.A. '48-9, Football two years, Captain '48-9, Basketball '48-9, Jr. Play '47-8, Speech Play '48-9, Most Handsome Boy '48-9, Best All Around Boy '48-9, Most Popular Boy '48-9.

JACK PARRISH: "Jackie"

Two years here; F. F. A. two years, Blackcat Reporter '48-9.

BENNIE ROWLETT:

Four years here; F. F. A. four years.

BUFORD SIMPSON:

Two years here; F.F.A. two years, Blackcat Reporter '48-9.

LINDEL TAYLOR: "Red"

Two years here; two years football, two years basketball, Member of All County Basketball Team '48-9, F.F.A. two years, Mr. Rector Hi '48-9, Most Courteous Boy '47-8, '48-9, Quietest Boy '48-9, Most Athletic Boy '48-9, Most Studious Boy '48-9, In High School Register.

MACK WALKER: "Wacky"

Three years here; Vice President of Sophomore Class, Dramatics Club '48-9, Football '48-9, Editor of Blackcat '48-9, Jr. Play '47-8, Band '48-9, Representative to Arkansas State '47-8.

BILLY RAY WILLIAMS: "Lover Boy"

Six years here; F.F.A. four years, Treasurer of F.F.A. '48-9, Football '48-9, Vice President of Dramatics '48-9, Speech Play '48-9, Most Helpful Boy '48-9, Wittiest Boy '48-9.

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of '49, better known as the '49ers, realizing that the time is drawing near when we shall no longer attend Rector High School, do will and bequeath the following traits to our fellow students whom we leave behind.

Mack Walker wills his curly hair to John Wayland. Sue Long leaves her "love for Home Economics" to Martha Gardner. Sally Ennis wills her place as "Senior Tot" to Phyllis Blair. Joan McCord wills her love for photography to anyone who likes it as well as she does. Ruth Deniston wills her "Helpfulness" to sister Mary. (They want to keep it in the family). Mary McCluney wills all her "old flames" to sister Ruthie. She wants to keep the latest one. Carolyn Futrell wills her blue jeans to Jocleta Dalton. John Barker wills his Casanova ways to Sonny Gould.. Joyce Y. Robinson wills her innocent look to Donzie Martin. Jettye Winstead wills her A's to Shirley. Ottie Shockley wills his guitar to the Rector High School Band. Geraldine Barker refuses to will her "love for the Navy" to anyone. Rosa L. Hardin wills her love for "Hooks" to Mary F. O'Dell. Lura May King leaves her "typing ability" to Maxine Wyatt. Louise Walter leaves her cute smile to Nadine Davis. Syveda Barker wills her acting ability to Gloria Rust. Jackie Parrish leaves his place at "Bill's" to Dencil Crews. Bennie Rowlett wills his agricultural ability to Jack Beard. Bill outland wills his handsome features to Jerry Derden. Lindel Taylor leaves his love for sports to Jimmy McCord. Tommy Landis leaves his Bass Horn to anyone who is strong enough to carry it. (HE isn't). Mildred Gordon wills her car to Joan Twitty. Buford Simpson leaves his "wicked ways" to Velius Simpson. Betty Johnson wills her interest in Corning to Georgia Watson. David Clopton wills his chemistry ability to Don Berry. Billy Williams leaves his "looks" to the coach. George French wills his red truck to Joe. Kenneth King wills his sophisticated ways to Joe Collier. Nell Whittaker leaves her quiet ways to Mary King. Take good care of them Mary. Inez Gardner wills her grand personality to Katherine Kirkpatrick. Earlene Eaton wills her flirting ability to Bonnie Outland. Belva Nelson wills her trips to Newport to anyone who would care to make them. Melba Jean Griffith wills her "bangs" to Maggie Elsass. Peggy Yancey wills her "roving eyes" to Pinky Ward. Louise Jackson leaves her position as star bench warmer to Felice Hamelback. Geraldine Eaton leaves her black hair to Patsy Mode. Louise Webb wills her voice to Wanda Foster. Vera Mae Morris leaves her "sleepy look" to John Speer. Donald Collier just refuses to leave anything. Kenneth Melrose wills his way with the teachers to Bobby Reddick.

A READY-MADE FAMILY

Presented by the Speech Class on October 29, 1948
under the direction of Mrs. W. B. McCrady

CAST

Agnes Martyn, a widow ---------- Mary McCluney
Bob, her son ---------- Bill Outland
Marilee, her elder daughter ---------- Carolyn Futrell
Gracie, her youngest child ---------- Gloria Rust
Miss Lydia, her sister-in-law ---------- Syveda Barker
Henry Turner, a widower ---------- David Clopton
Doris, his daughter ---------- Melba Griffith
Sammie, his son ---------- Bill Williams
Begonia, the Martyns' darky cook ---------- Inez Gardner
Nicodemus, the Martyns' colored handy man ---------- Donald Collier

Sophomore Class

Mrs. Willie French, Sponsor

Freshman Class

Mrs. Artie Davis and Mrs. L. L. Swindle, Sponsors

Classes

Seventh Grade Class

Mrs. Zola M. Pruett, Sponsor

Eighth Grade Class

Mrs. Lee See, Sponsor

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Klugh Cowan and Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Teachers

Third Grade

Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Teacher

Grade School Music Class

Mrs. Klugh Cowan, Instructor

Mrs. Maude O. McBride and
Mrs. Lena Williams, Teachers

First Grade

Mrs. Arch Gray and
Mrs. Lucille Landrem, Teachers

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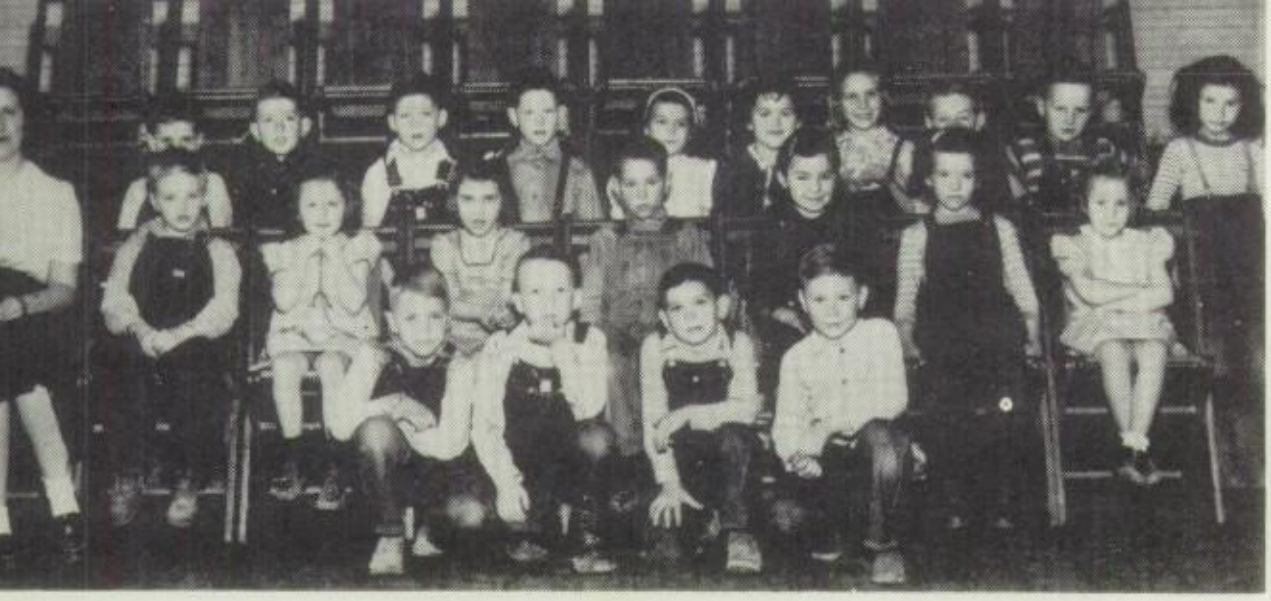
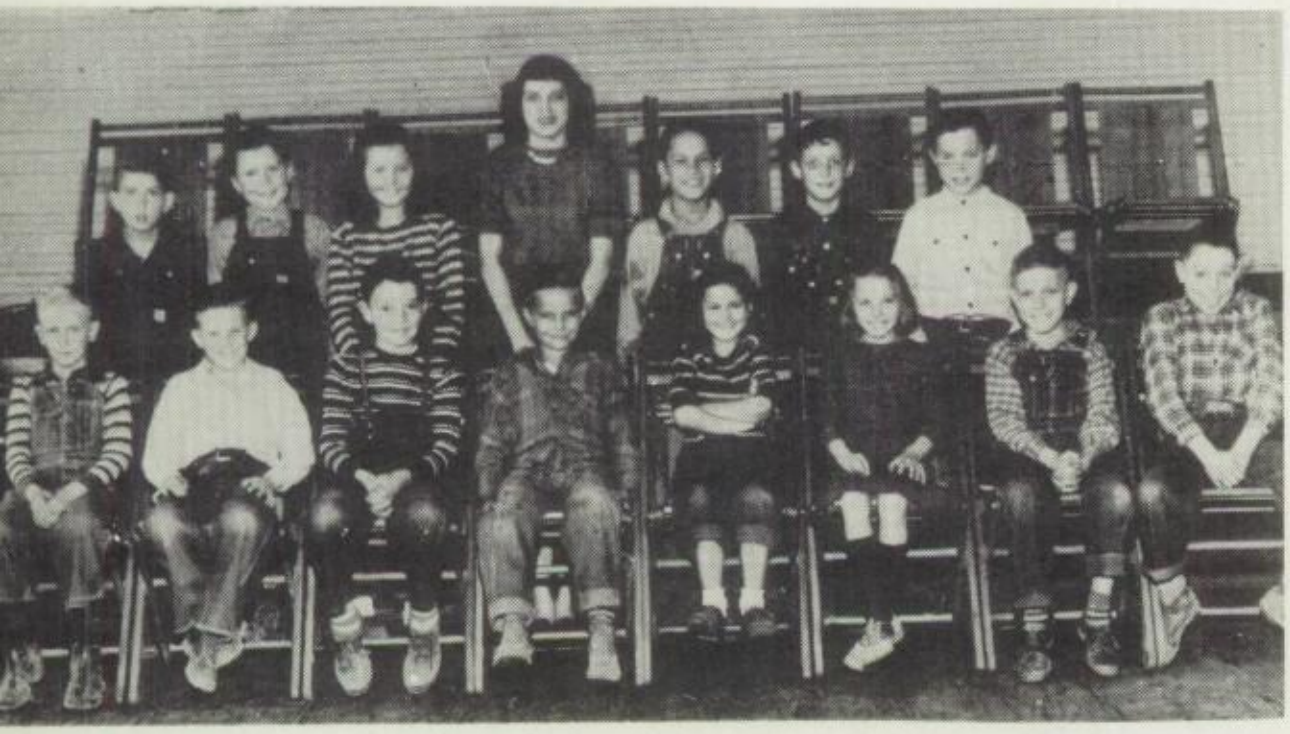


FIRST GRADE, Boydsville
Miss Mary Gordon, Teacher

SECOND GRADE, Boydsville
Miss Mary Gordon, Teacher



THIRD GRADE, Boydsville
Miss Colleen Ford, Teacher

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PROPHECY

THE CRYSTAL GAZIER

Listen, O ye men and women, youths and maidens, and little children! Listen, all ye people of Rector, to the word of wisdom from the lips of your prophet, who now speaketh unto you what hath been revealed unto her, even as it hath been decreed by the powers that be.

Knowest thou not that a glance into the future is never a pleasure unmixed with pain? Doesn't thou know aspiring youth that to know what the future holds may be to thee but a never ending curse, shutting thyself out from the joys of the present in the contemplation of things that are to come? Listen, and it shall be prophesied unto thee.

Ah, thirty, forty years hence I see a rich man—a banker—riding in his airplane, counting his money—wearing his diamonds—who is it? His name? Oh yes, I see now—Tommy Landis.

Now I feel so strong, so brave, so bold! A woman of strong mind, strong will, and stronger temper! A lecturer on a strong subject — an old maid demonstrating her independence of man. Her name escapes me—wait—ah yes, it is Betty Johnson.

Ah, the dainty lady of society, envied and flattered by all, the queen of every gathering, the belle of every ball — Geraldine Eaton.

Now I see a school of learning and a noble professor before his class. They look at him in reverence of the vast learning he acquired at Rector High School. Why, what is that they call him as they bow in homage before him? Professor George French.

Ah, I feel like crying. I must cry—I must—this woman's grief overwhelms me. Surely, it is some lowly widow, mourning her husband. No, not so. I see nothing like that! 'Tis only a fair bride weeping the loss of her pet poodle. Who is the bride? Her name was once—what? Sue Long.

I hear applauding, loud applauding! It greets the man taking a seat by the window. He looks familiar and yet not quite familiar enough. I can't tell who he is. Ah, he waves his hands around excitedly. Now I know who he is. It's Kenneth King and he is a weatherman. It was he who furnished the splendid weather for the Rector people, and that is why he was so wildly applauded.

My, my look at all the money. Who possesses all these greenbacks? Mack Walker the famous inventor — He invented Restwell mattresses for oyster beds, Boomerang collar buttons guaranteed to return to the hand that loses them and exercises for reducing one's income tax.

Ah, I see in the distant years, still looking as young as ever, a famous modiste, whose shop on Main Street in Rector is the last word in style and expense. With a strip of velvet here and a drop of sealing wax there and two chicken feathers added she calls it a hat and sells it for twice what it is worth. Yes, you guessed it — Ruth Deniston.

I see a policeman. No! I believe it's a policewoman. Yet, it's Joan McCord and she has done more to secure law and order in her district than any ten men and is a credit to Rector.

My next case is interesting. It's a diver's suite of steel and an oxygen tank. This is worn by Donald Collier the well-known deep sea diver. There's a great dent in the helmet. It was caused by a blow from a whale.

This is a strange one. I see a room full of girls, surrounding a teacher. This teacher is Syveda Barker and she is teaching them on the subject of flirtation. Well, we might have known she'd pass her ability on to others.

Next I see a nursery, no! I guess it's a schoolroom. My goodness! It's some poor housewife and it looks as if she's giving a party. Everywhere I look I see Brats. Oh! no — Oh, my, my—What I now see is only Mary McCuney's family. She is now the mother of 26 Darling Little Demons.

I see two people exchanging confidences over a patient. Even in their work as old maid nurses, Inez Gardner and Earlene Eaton who were so inseparable in school, could never be divided.

The mist closes down. It rises, the scene changes. I hear tinkling guitars and the surf breaking on a coral strand. I see the bright-hued blossoms and tall palm trees. Happy brown-skinned people are singing plain melodies. It is Hawaii. I see a young woman in a grass skirt dancing, Melba Jean Griffith. Ah, she displays quite a figure.

I see a huge truck coming down the street of Rector and pauses at Bill's Cafe—a man delivered a rack of milk bottles and drives on down the street. I see Buford Simpson owner of a large dairy.

Now I see a ship in danger. The paint is still wet on the lifeboats and they cannot be used. Lindell Taylor is the captain of this ship. There is a gleaming light — a lighthouse. In the door stands Nell Whitaker, the keeper of the light. She holds up a huge sign reading: Back in carefully and do not waken the whales. What would Lindell do in his wrecked ship without Nell's light?

What's this? No—it can't be—I can't believe my ears, but yet, here it is as plain as can be. I hear speeches and guess who is giving them. David Clopton. He is a splendid example of perfect self-control. He never stutters or stammers, never hesitates for a word, has no complexes and no bad habits. He's showing some fine talent in the Dramatics he acquired at Rector high.

Louise Walter is the sixtieth President of the United States. Elected by the Independent Party. Active in politics since infancy. Mayor of her town three terms, U. S. Senator two years, speaker of the National House of Representatives one term. Sponsored the bills for disfranchising Saxaphone players, radio crooners, and talkative fishermen. Ah, yes, she has hit the hall of fame at last.

Hmmmmm. I smell something cooking. It's the cooking of Louise Jackson. She is the happy wife of a prominent business man with the nicest home and the best meals in town. In addition to that, she is a lecturer on homemaking—the kind who tells people, over the radio, how to build a front porch out of packing boxes and how to then feed a family seven days on twenty-three cents apiece. Her husband, Jackie Parish, becomes bored and elopes with Belva Nelson, a cashier in a Tea Shop.

Ah, do my ears deceive me? I hear beautiful singing. It's Ottie Shockley and he is a very successful song writer. He has only one competitor which is Rosa Lee Hardin. He writes popular music such as "Way back in the Hills" and she writes more on the classical style such as "Life Gets Tedious don't it?"

What's this? I see a darkened stage and in the spotlight appears a dainty figure. It's Mildred Gordon kissing her hand to the audience as an attendant arranges a rope across the stage. Why, she's a tight rope walker in a circus.

Ah! Who do we have here? Just one of the students who joined the Navy to see the world through a porthole. He is so ambitious, he'll probably be an Admiral by the time the fleet gets to Manila. Why of course! It's Benny Rowlett.

Well, what do I see now? I marvel at its contents. A red handkerchief, a huge black hat turned up in front bearing a skull and cross bones. Yes! These are the possessions of Jettye Winstead, better known as Vicious Blondie, the pirate.

Sally Ennis is a wealthy cosmetician, proprietor of Ye Beautifier shop—Alterations while you wait, people — men as well as women — will enter looking like eighty and emerge looking like sixteen. She is the most famous skin remodeler and face lifter in all the world.

I see a newsboy running down the street! What is he saying? Listen, I catch it now—"Extra, Extra, read all about the big battle. Billy Ray Williams who was imprisoned for murder tries to escape."

Now I see an immense billboard and what does it say? "A second Judy Canova, greatest opera singer of the day—Peggy Yancey." Well, we see her voice has improved.

A strong breeze and a whiff of far, far prairies. A girl of the plains — a pioneer of distant wildness and vastness — riding bareback over the broad spaces. Carolyn Futrell.

A stolid, slow moving chap, who will never display either speed or animation. He has found his proper position in life early. Who else would it be but John Barker, owner and proprietor of Barker's Pool Hall at Kennett, Missouri.

I hear a good strong voice. She must have been loud in High School. Her future is clear. Ten years from now your favorite motion picture cathedral will be displaying huge signs announcing, "Vera Mae Morris, America's Girl Friend in Cinderella's Sandals. Miss Morris talks, sings, dances, and plays three musical instruments, including a vacuum cleaner. Don't Miss It."

Now I see Joe Outland in a great age of endurance contests. He has become the champion of champions by simply making up his mind that he wants to do something and doing it. He is America's Greatest Champion Baby Sitter.

The mist is clearing. A village scene appears. I see a church. The bells are ringing. It is Sunday morning and the people are coming to the service. I see the minister — Well, what do you know, it's Kenneth Melrose, a fine looking man now, and by his side walks his wife. Her face is turned away, but I can see it is someone we know. Now she turns. I can see her face. Ah, yes. Just as I thought it's Lura May King and she looks very happy as Kenneth's wife.

And now the sun sets and the light fades gradually. A purple haze covers everything. The crystal clouds and I can see no more.

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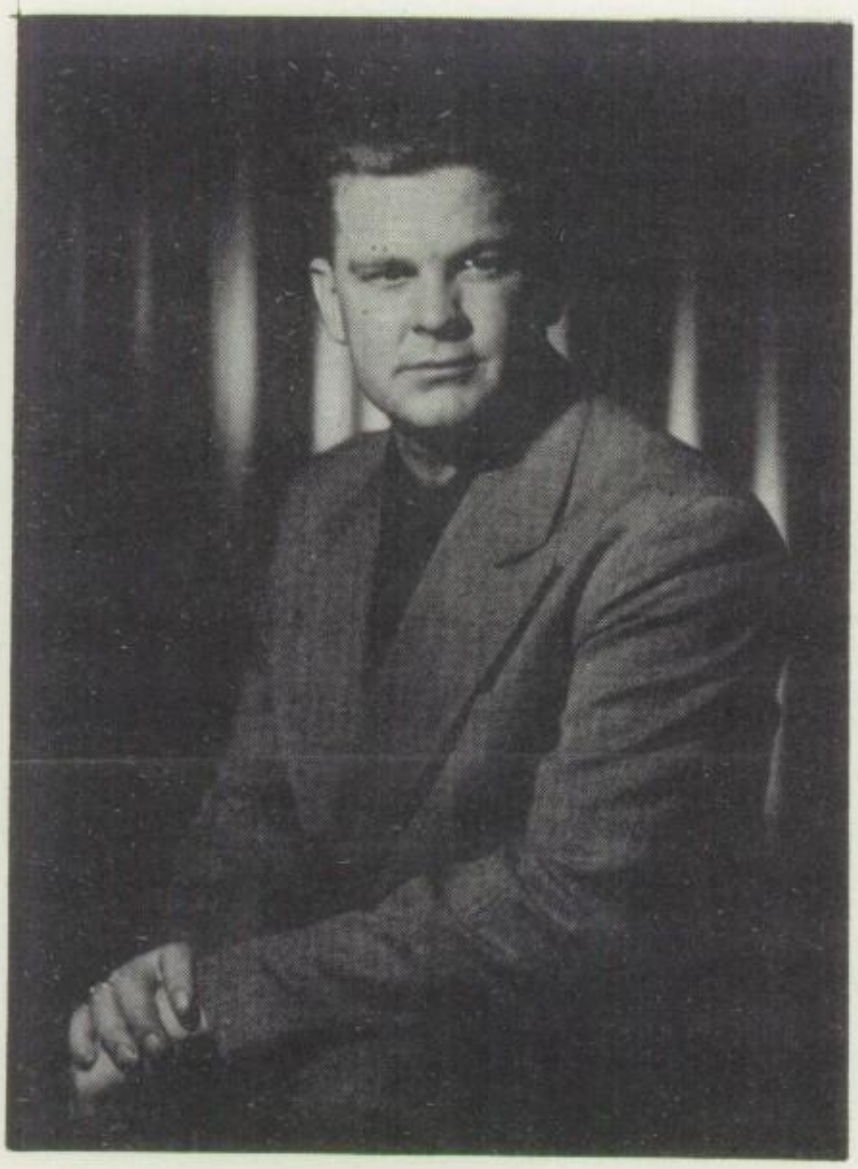

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